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Mr. Michael Bostic
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City Hall
Dallas, Texas 75201

OR98-3279

Dear Mr. Bostic:

You have asked whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 120726.

The City of Dallas (the "city") received a request for information about police calls made to a business address during a one year period. You submitted to this office as a *representative sample of the type of record at issue a printout showing details about the types of police calls for service made to this address, including the name of the complainant.*¹ You seek to withhold from disclosure as confidential information "everything related to sexual assaults, child abuse, and indecency with a child."²

Although the sample information does not appear to contain information about sexual assaults, child abuse, or indecency with a child at the listed address, we agree that some types of information are confidential in police calls for service. Information that would identify a sexual assault victim must be withheld from public disclosure. Open Records Decision No. 339 (1982). Information about juveniles who are the subject of a police call should be withheld under section 58.007(c) of the Family Code, which provides that law enforcement records and file concerning a child are generally confidential. *See* Fam. Code § 51.02(2)

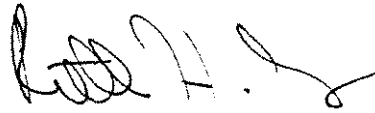
¹We assume that the "representative sample" of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. *See* Open Records Decision No. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). Here, we do not address any other requested records to the extent that those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

²We note that the sample printout includes information about addresses other than the business address that is the subject of the request. We need not address this other information, as it is not responsive to the request.

(defining "child"). Reports of suspected or alleged child abuse or neglect are protected from disclosure under section 261.201 of the Family Code.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth H. Soucy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ruth H. Soucy
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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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